have been partially accepted and implemented by the Government. These are in respect of strategic sale in Modern Food Industries Ltd. and offer of shares in cases of Gas Authority of India Ltd., Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. and CONCOR.

(c) and (d) Some factions of employees have opposed the disinvestment proposals in certain undertakings. However, as per the announced policy of the Government on disinvestment, the interest of the workers would be protected in all cases.

Privatisation during the Current Year

1588. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 30 to 40 Public Sector Undertakings are in the pipeline for privatisation during the current financial year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that privatisation work would be completed in 10 PSUs within the current financial year;

(c) if so, what are the names of those PSUs; and

(d) whether Government have ensured that the workers of such PSUs do not lose their jobs and their interests are safeguarded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present in 17 cases the disinvestment proposals have been cleared and the 'Advisors' have been appointed. These are Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd., Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., HTL Ltd., RBL Ltd., Scooters India Ltd., Engineering Projects India Ltd., NEPA Ltd., Hindustan Cables Ltd., Instrumentation Ltd., Bharat Leather Ltd., Air India, Indian Airlines, India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., Madras Fertilizers Ltd., National Fertilizers Ltd., Hindustan Copper Ltd. and Jessop and Company Ltd. The Government has decided to disinvest in Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. and MSTC Ltd. Advisors are yet to be appointed.

The process of disinvestment is in different stages of implementation in these companies.

(d) Government will protect the interests of workers in all cases of disinvestment in PSUs.

Disinvestment of Public Sector Units

1589,. SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many public sector units are going to be disinvested this year and next year;

(b) how many such public sector units are there in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) whether the affected workers will get adequate compensation or will they be redeployed or rehabilitated elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) At present in 17 cases the disinvestment proposals have been cleared and the 'Advisors' have been appointed. These are Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd., Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., HTL Ltd., RBL Ltd., Scooters India Ltd., Engineering Projects India Ltd., NEPA Ltd., Hindustan Cables Ltd., Instrumentation Ltd., Bharat Leather Ltd., Air India, Indian Airlines, India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., Madras Fertilizers Ltd., National Fertilizers Ltd., Hindustan Copper Ltd. and Jessop & Co. Ltd. The Government has decided to disinvest in Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. and MSTC Ltd. Advisors are yet to be appointed.

The process of disinvestment is in different stages of implementation in these companies. As actual timing of disinvestment in a company depends on various factors like market conditions, financial performance of the company, terms and conditions of sale, interest shown by investors/buyers, the precise timing of completion of disinvestment cannot be predicted.

(b) The headquarters of HTL Ltd. and Madras Fertilizers Ltd. are located in Tamil Nadu.